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September 10, 2002

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: Nancey J. Hammond	Attorney Docket No.:	500249.01 (660082.527M)
Serial No.	: 09/153,994	Group Art Unit	: 2151
Filed	: September 17, 1998	Examiner	: L. Bullock, Jr.
Title	: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENHANCING RELIABILITY OF COMMUNICATION WITH ELECTRONIC MESSAGE		

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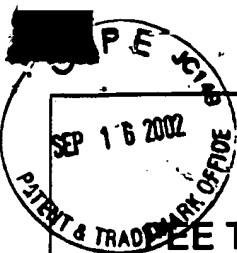RECEIVED
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RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated June 19, 2002. Please reconsider the application in view of the enclosed declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.131, and the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated June 19, 2002, the Examiner took the following action: (1) rejected claims 1-3, 15-19, 21, 23, 25-27, 32, 33 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Birdwell *et al.* (US 5,793,973) in view of "Messaging's Next Blockbuster Hit" by Cox; (2) rejected claims 6-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Birdwell *et al.* (US 5,793,973) in view of "Messaging's next blockbuster hit" by Cox and Miyamoto *et al.* (US 6,327,046); (3) rejected claims 28-31 and 36-38 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyamoto *et al.*
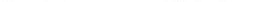
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)

1. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No.: 50-1266; Deposit Account Name: DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

2. [] Check Enclosed

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		
Fee Code	Fee ($)	Fee Code	Fee ($)	Fee Description
101	740	201	370	[] Utility Filing Fee
106	330	206	165	[] Design Filing Fee
108	740	208	370	[] Reissue Filing Fee
114	160	214	80	[] Provisional Filing Fee

Subtotal (1) $0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

	Current Claims	Prior	Extra		Fee		Fee Paid
Total	38	- 38	= 0	x	$ 18	=	$ 0
Ind.	6	- 6	= 0	x	$ 84	=	$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claims				x	$	=	$

Subtotal (2) $ 0

Large Entity		Small Entity		
Fee Code	Fee ($)	Fee Code	Fee ($)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent Claim
109	84	209	42	Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

FEE CALCULATION (Continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small Entity			
Fee Code	Fee ($)	Fee Code	Fee ($)	Fee Description	Fee paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath	$
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	$
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	$
147	2,520	147	2,520	For Filing a Request for Reexamination	$
195	300	195	300	Publication (early or Republication)	$
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	$
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within 2nd month	$
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within 3rd month	$
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within 4th month	$
128	1,960	280	980	Extension for reply within 5th month	$
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	$
121	280	270	140	Request for oral hearing	$
148	110	248	55	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	$
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	$
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive – unintentional	$
142	1,280	242	640	Utility/Reissue issue fee (+ advance copies)	$
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee (+ advance copies)	$
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	$
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	$
126	180	126	180	Submission of IDS	$
581	40	81	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	$
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	$
Other fee (specify)					$

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